

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3940
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2000
NHRC NOTICE TO DEFENCE MINISTRY
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received a notice from National Human Rights Commission on the issue of Tadepalligudem Aerodrome in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the issue has since been settled;
- (d) if so, whether the Aerodrome has since been handed over to the State Government and the petitioner has been informed of it; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government had received a notice from the National Human Rights Commission in December, 1998 on the issue of Tadepalligudem Aerodrome in Andhra Pradesh and a report had been submitted on the facts of the case to the Commission. In the petition of Dr. P. Pulla Rao, received through National Human Rights Commission, the case of about 20,000 settlers/displaced people, living on the defence land of Tadepalligudem Aerodrome had been pleaded. It has been stated in the petition that these people have been living on this land for the last 50 years without legal rights and that they are ready to pay for their rights.

(c) to (e): The land was handed over to the Government of Andhra Pradesh on 3.8.1987 and the custodial responsibility of the said land vested with the State Government. It has been further decided to transfer the said land to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for consideration of Rs. One Crore, subject to certain conditions. Dr. P. Pulla Rao was also informed of the decision of the Government.